

Reply to Restriction Requirement dated March 9, 2004



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APPLICANT : Steven P. HERGOTT, et al.
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AMENDMENT A
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:


In response to the Restriction Requirement of March 9, 2004
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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